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**AUTUMN LECTURE - THE LANDSCAPE AND GARDENS AT HAREWOOD IN THE AGE OF CHIPPENDALE** by PETER GOODCHILD of the University of York. At the CIVIC CENTRE, OTLEY ON FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 1997 AT 7.45

We are most fortunate that Peter Goodchild, an acknowledged expert on 18th century parks and gardens, has agreed to give an illustrated talk on one of the most extensive and beautiful 18th century landscapes in Yorkshire. It is certain to be a popular lecture and would be an ideal occasion to introduce potential new members. The price of admission is £2 at the door, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits afterwards. Members of the public will also be welcome.

### REPORT ON ANNUAL DINNER

Seventy members and their friends attended the 35th Annual Dinner in Otley on June 13th. Raymond Burton CBE and his wife Pam were present as guests of the Committee. In proposing a toast to the Society Tony Harrison of Southport gave a hugely entertaining account of his experiences on the lecture circuit and on furniture history conferences.

### CONSERVATION OF PAINTED NEEDLEWORK CHAIR

In 1988 the Society purchased a serpentine-fronted stool, the sole survivor of a pair made by Chippendale for the Entrance Hall at Harewood in 1777 at a cost of £3-13-0d. The beech frame, painted with husk chains, paterae and lines in green on a white ground was in a sadly distressed state, but enough of the original decoration survived to permit an authentic restoration, undertaken by our member Ian Fraser, furniture conservator at Temple Newsam. The original needlework cover, worked in Gobelin stitch, also in a sorry state, has been expertly conserved by Caroline Rendell. The handsomely restored stool is now on display with an ensemble of other furniture from the Society's collection on the South Wing of Temple Newsam.

### THE LATE <sup>REG</sup> RAWLING'S ARCHIVE

We are very grateful to Keith Rawling for donating his father's extensive collection of press cuttings, research papers and other items of Chippendalia to the Society. They join files compiled by Thomas Pickles when preparing his *Life of Thomas Chippendale* (1971), the papers of our own former President Sir Malcolm Stoddard - Scott, our own administrative and curatorial dossiers.